

Aaron Burleson House
19 miles south of Austin, Texas
Bastrop
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AARON BURLESON HOUSE
19 miles south of Austin near Webberville,
Bastrop County, Texas.

Present Owner: The Austin National Bank, Austin, Texas.

Date of Erection: Early 1860's

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Colonel Banks

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: One

Materials of Construction: Brick, plaster, cedar and pine.

Other Existing Records: None

Additional Data:

This one story brick house consists of four rooms in a row, each room containing a large fireplace. The house is located on one of the highest hills in the vicinity, which was done to escape the menace of rivers overflowing in the lowlands. The building is rectangular in shape, constructed of brick, whitewashed on exterior and plastered on interior. Roof is pitched about six and one half to twelve, and is covered with cypress shingles. The porch, which extends slightly over half way across the front, at one time extended entirely across the front.

The brick patterned cornice shows a very definite Mexican influence. This example is important in that it shows the extent the Mexican influence penetrated the State. Brick for the house probably came from one of the local brick plants on the Colorado River. There were several at the time.

Window frames are of pine; sills of cedar. Jambs are splayed on inside. Windows are twelve light, double hung sash; doors are four panel, standard design. Fire places are
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quite large; mantels are of pine. Ceiling height about ten feet. Ceilings are of wood, consisting of pine boards and battens each about eight inches wide.

The house was built by a Colonel Banks and was later owned by Aaron Burleson. It is generally thought that Aaron Burleson married a daughter of Legislator Hardeman, who enjoys the distinction of being responsible for naming the present capitol of Texas "Austin", after its founder, Stephen F. Austin.

Much of this information was obtained from H.L. Menor, Webberville, Texas.

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